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Willmot (Charles MacKay)  
Papers

A collection of 43 architectural drawings, blueprints, and related materials by C.M. Willmot (1886-1959), a Toronto architect. Includes two blueprints by his father Mancel Wilmot. Presented to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, through Professor Douglas Richardson, by C.M. Willmot's daughter Elizabeth (Willmot) Kettlewell, and her husband, William Kettlewell. Plans date from 1922 to 1929, and include those for four major houses and two commercial buildings in Los Angeles.

Extent: 1 item and 11 mapcase folders (1.5 metres).

### Biography

Charles MacKay Willmot (1886-1959) was the son of a Toronto architect, Mancel Willmot. Among other projects, Mancel Willmot undertook the restoration of the Yorkville Fire Hall in 1889. Charles Willmot apprenticed in his father's office. He set up in private practice and designed many houses in the north end of Toronto - Primarily North Toronto (where he lived from 1910 on); Forest Hill; and Lawrence Park. He served as a consulting architect St. Clement's Church, at Briar Hill and Duplex Avenues. He also designed 1914-1918 was memorials for Niagara-on-the-Lake and for Richmond Hill, both of which are still standing.

In 1925 he formed a partnership with Norman Alpaugh, formerly a draughtsman in Mancel Willmot's office, and established a firm in Los Angeles. His outstanding piece of work in this city is considered the Townhouse, an apartment hotel built in 1928, blueprints for which are now in the Library's collection.

In 1931 Charles Willmot returned to Toronto and resumed his North Toronto practice. He later joined the architectural staff of the Ontario Hydro Commission. In 1956 he retired.

A detailed finding aid with photographs of the plans and individual descriptions has been prepared for this collection, and is located at Ms Coll 185.

- Item 1                      Inventory of Willmot Architectural plans, numbers 1-43. Includes additional information on the Townhouse including slides, and 2 unidentified tintypes from the 1996 accession (see below).

Mapcase folder	Plan numbers	Plan titles
1	01-04	Residence for P.A, Maxwell, esq. St. Leonard's Ave. undated. 4 plans. (pencil on tissue)
2	05-08	Residence...for Mr. Chas. Henning. Strathearn Blvd. May 15, 1922. 4 plans (ink on linen)
3	09-11	Residence for Mr. Wm. Britnell. Summerhill Ave. Mar. 8, 1923. 3 plans. (ink on linen)
4	12-16	Residence for Mr. Harry Jennings. Russell Hill Road. Dec. 27, 1924. 5 plans. (ink on linen)
5	17-21	The Townhouse, an apartment hotel. 639 So. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles, California. 1928. 16 plans. (blueprints
6	22-26	
7	27-32	
8 Ovs (on mapcase)	33-39	Store. 2969 Wiltshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California. 1929. 7 plans. (blueprints)
9	40-43	Residence for A. Gordon Tyrell. Duplex Ave. April 1, 1924. 4 plans. (ink on linen)
10		Newspaper clippings regarding the Niagara-on-the-Lake war memorial, 1922

**1994 accession**

Mapcase folder

11 Specifications for the house of Stibbard Ave., typescript, 1912[?].

Item 1 2 tintypes of unidentified people.

**1996 accession**

11 Yorkville Firehall, 2 blueprints by Mancel Willmot, 1905.